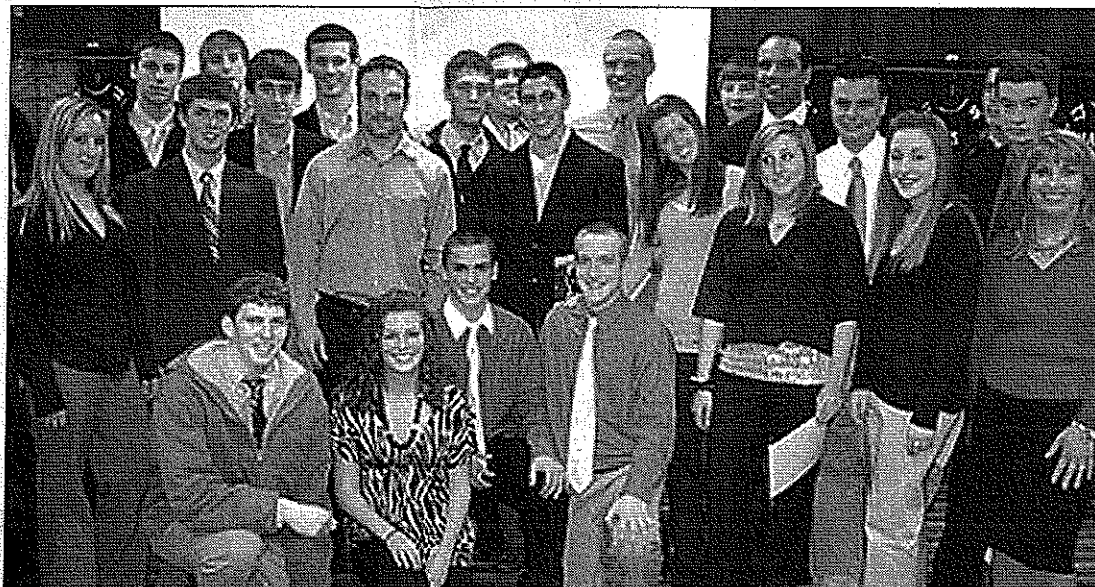


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Students from Portsmouth High School stand with wide receiver Wes Welker recently at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass.

Students get lessons in saving from two professional athletes

FOXBORO, Mass. — Tackling the problem of financial illiteracy among Rhode Island teens head-on, State Treasurer Frank Caprio joined his fellow New England state treasurers, and Jump\$tart Coalition and Visa directors recently to announce an effort to improve the money management skills of New England high school students.

The treasurers will distribute free copies of Financial Football, an interactive, NFL-themed money management video game, to every high school in the region.

Caprio helped start effort at Gillette Stadium, home of the New England Patriots, with wide receiver Wes Welker and center Dan Koppen. Welker and Koppen shared their personal experiences on the importance of money management with students from Portsmouth High School and other schools.

The students then divided into teams and played games of Financial Football. The Portsmouth squad played to a 7-7 tie with a team from Lawrence, Mass.